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PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of applications pending for new telephone connections in Holalkere, Jagalur, Harihar, Honnali, Channagiri, Chitradurga and Davangere Taluks of Karnataka;

(b) whether nearly 4000 applications are pending from 1999 onwards;

(c) if so, the main reasons therefor;

(d) the steps being taken to provide telephone connections to all the applicants; and

(e) the time by when all the applications for telephone connections are likely to be cleared?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) The number of applications pending for new telephone connections as on 30.06.2005 is as follows:

HOLAKERE	380
JAGALUR	276
HARIHAR	219
HONNALI	680
CHANNAGIRI	1191
CHITRADURGA	237
DAVANGERE	446
TOTAL	3429

(b) No Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

(d) Since most of the waiting list is in far flung, remote areas which cannot be covered economically on wireline, it is planned to clear the waiting list by extensive deployment of WLL technology. WLL equipment is planned in the Chitradurga and Devangere (including Harihar) SDCAs and the equipment is likely to be commissioned in Nov, 2005. At other places, the WLL systems are working and FWTs (Fixed Wireless Terminals) are being made available for providing the connections.

(e) The waiting list is planned to be cleared progressively by March, 2007.